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BEFORE THE FAIR POLITICAL PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of)	FPPC No.: 2001/179
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HOME DEPOT USA, INC.,)	STIPULATION, DECISION AND
)	ORDER
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Respondent.)	

The complainant, Mark Krause, Acting Executive Director of the Fair Political Practices Commission, and Respondent, Home Depot USA, Inc., hereby agree that this Stipulation will be submitted for consideration by the Fair Political Practices Commission at its next regularly scheduled meeting.

The parties agree to enter into this Stipulation to resolve all factual and legal issues raised in this matter, and to reach a final disposition without the necessity of holding an administrative hearing to determine the liability of Respondent.

Respondent understands and hereby knowingly and voluntarily waives any and all procedural rights under Government Code sections 83115.5 and 11503, and Title 2, California Code of Regulations section 18361, including but not limited to the issuance and receipt of an accusation, and the right to be represented by an attorney at Respondent's own expense, to appear personally in any administrative

1 hearing held in this matter, to confront and cross-examine all witnesses testifying at the hearing, to
2 subpoena witnesses to testify at the hearing, and to have an impartial administrative law judge present at
3 the hearing to act as a hearing officer.

4 It is further stipulated and agreed that Respondent violated the Political Reform Act by failing to
5 timely file two major donor campaign statements in violation of Government Code section 84200,
6 subdivision (b) (2 counts) as described in Exhibit 1, which is attached hereto and incorporated by
7 reference, as though fully set forth herein. Exhibit 1 is a true and accurate summary of the facts in this
8 matter.

9 Respondent agrees to the issuance of the Decision and Order and imposition by the Commission
10 of an administrative penalty in the amount of two thousand dollars (\$2,000), and a cashier's check in
11 said amount, payable to the "General Fund of the State of California," is submitted herewith to be held
12 by the State of California until the Commission issues its Decision and Order.

13 The parties agree that in the event the Commission refuses to accept this Stipulation, it shall
14 become null and void, and within fifteen (15) business days after the Commission meeting at which this
15 Stipulation is rejected, all payments tendered shall be reimbursed to Respondent. Respondent further
16 stipulates and agrees that in the event the Commission rejects the Stipulation, and a full evidentiary
17 hearing before the Commission becomes necessary, no member of the Commission, nor the Executive
18 Director, shall be disqualified because of prior consideration of this Stipulation.

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20 Dated: _____

Mark Krause
Acting Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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23 Dated: _____

Home Depot USA, Inc., Respondent
By: _____
(Type or Print Name)

ORDER

The foregoing stipulation of the parties “In the Matter of Home Depot USA, Inc., FPPC No. 2001/179” including all attached exhibits, is hereby accepted as the final decision and order of the Fair Political Practices Commission, effective upon execution below by the Chairman.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: _____

Karen A. Getman, Chairman
Fair Political Practices Commission

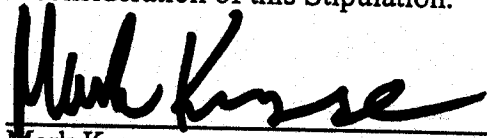
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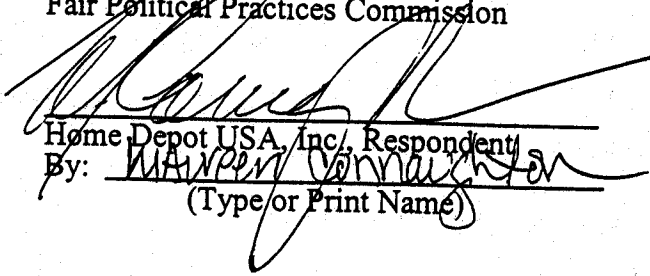
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20 Dated: 8/30/01


Mark Krause
Acting Executive Director
Fair Political Practices Commission

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23 Dated: 8/28/01


Home Depot USA, Inc., Respondent
By: WARREN CONNAUGHTON
(Type or Print Name)